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DAR/BUJ FOR A/S SHATTUCK; BUJ ALSO FOR CHARGE

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1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, FOLLOWING ARE THE SITUATION
REPORTS ON RWANDA/BURUNDI CIRCULATED IN THE DEPARTMENT ON
MAY 5.

2. NOON SITREP

BEGIN TEXT.

SITUATION ON THE GROUND

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--(U) THE HEAVIEST FIGHTING YET, INVOLVING ARTILLERY,
ROCKETS, AND MORTARS, BLASTED KIGALI WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND
THURSDAY. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE RPF APPEARS TO
BE MAKING A FINAL PUSH TO TAKE KIGALI. THIS MARKS THE
FIRST TIME THAT FIGHTING HAS CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE
NIGHT. HUNDREDS FLED FROM THE CITY MARKET ON WEDNESD
EVENING AS THE ATTACK BEGAN WITH A ROCKET BARRAGE; THERE
IS NO ESTIMATE OF CASUALTIES. PM KAMBANDA CALLED ON ALL
RWANDANS TO TAKE UP ARMS, RETURN TO THEIR HOMES, AND FIGHT

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RATHER THAN RUN AWAY, SAYING "WEAPONS ARE THE MAIN

NORMAL IMPORTATION OF FOOD". (REUTERS, API)

--(U) KIGALI IS QUIET RIGHT NOW, AND PEOPLE ARE WALKING
ON THE STREETS AND SHOPPING. (AID/KIGALI TELCON 10:00 EDT)

DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS

--(C) THE ARUSHA MEETINGS YESTERDAY WERE RECESSED BY THE
GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA WHEN THE RPF REFUSED TO SIGN A
DOCUMENT COMMITTING TO AN IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE AND ENDING
OF ATROCITIES. THE RPF CLAIMED THAT SIGNING WOULD ADMIT
TO TACIT RECOGNITION OF THE INTERIM GOR, WHICH WAS TO SIGN
A SIMILAR, BUT SEPARATE DOCUMENT. THE RPF DELEGATION LEFT
ARUSHA EARLY THIS MORNING. THE OAU AND UN OBSERVERS HAD
ALREADY LEFT. TANZANIAN PM MALECELA WAS DISAPPOINTED, BUT
NOT DISCOURAGED AND PLEDGED TANZANIA WOULD CONTINUE TO
SEEK A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION. (DAR ES SALAAM 02775, 02794)

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--(LOU) A/S SHATTUCK'S PARTY IS BYPASSING ARUSHA AND
CONTINUING TO DAR ES SALAAM TO MEET WITH THE TANZANIAN FM,
THEN GOING TO DODOMA FOR MEETINGS WITH TANZANIAN PM AND
POSSIBLY THE PRESIDENT, BEFORE PROCEEDING TO BURUNDI.

--(U) OAU SEC GEN SALIM MET WITH A/S SHATTUCK TO DISCUSS A
DRAFT OF THE PROPOSED JOINT STATEMENT ON RWANDA. THE
DRAFT AGREES THAT AN INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE IS NEEDED TO
PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND CALLS FOR AN OBJECTIVE
INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE OUTBREAK OF KILLINGS
AND HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES. (ADDIS ABABA 03313)

--(C) THE UN HAS ACCELERATED PLANNING FOR A RWANDAN
MISSION, ESTIMATING A FORCE REQUIREMENT OF 5-8 BATTALIONS
(3 MECHANIZED) AND 5-8000 SUPPORT TROOPS. NO SPECIFICS
WERE PROVIDED, BUT USUN HAS LEARNED THE NIGERIANS MIGHT
PROVIDE ONE BATTALION IF THE US PROVIDES AIRLIFT AND
FINANCIAL SUPPORT. BOUTROS GHALI BELIEVES FORCES WILL BE
AVAILABLE IF THE UNITED STATES COULD SUPPORT AND
CONTRIBUTE SUBSTANTIALLY TO A SPECIAL FUND OF 50-70
MILLION DOLLARS. (USUN 01898)

--(C) DURING UNSC DISCUSSIONS ON RWANDA, SC PRESIDENT

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GAMBARI REPORTED ON RECENT INITIATIVES, INCLUDING A PEACEKEEPING FORCE. THE UN AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHO MIGHT CONTRIBUTE FORCES ARE EACH WAITING FOR THE OTHER TO TAKE THE LEAD. THE UN WANTS TO HEAR FROM THE AFRICAN STATES BEFORE DECIDING ON FORCE SIZE AND MANDATE, BUT THE AFRICAN STATES, MANY OF WHOM ARE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING

CONTRIBUTING TO SUCH A FORCE, ARE WAITING TO HEAR HOW THE
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UNSC WILL USE ITS TROOPS. (USUN 01902)

--(C) THE VATICAN HAS ASKED THE US, FRENCH AND BELGIAN GOVERNMENTS TO AGREE ON AN INTERNATIONAL STATEMENT CALLING THE RWANDAN KILLINGS "GENOCIDE" AND ASKING FOR CONCERTED EFFORT TO BRING THE TWO SIDES BACK TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE OR WORK TOWARDS WHATEVER HAS A CHANCE TO BRING THEM TOGETHER. IT ALSO ASKED THAT THEY WORK TO FORM A UN OR OAU FORCE, MANNED BY AFRICAN COUNTRIES, TO OPEN CORRIDORS FOR HUMANITARIAN ACTION. (ROME 07211)

,-(C) UGANDAN PRESIDENT MUSEVENI DENIED THAT HE IS SUPPLYING ARMS TO THE RPF AND SAID HE REMAINS COMMITTED TO FINDING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE RWANDAN TRAGEDY. HE SUPPORTS A TOTAL ARMS EMBARGO TO BOTH SIDES, EXTENDING THE UNOMUR MANDATE TO COVER THE ENTIRE UGANDA/RWANDA BORDER, AND APPOINTING AN INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE PLANE CRASH AND SUBSEQUENT KILLINGS TO ORDER TO IDENTIFY AND PUNISH THE CULPRITS. (KAMPALA 03528)

HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

--(U) TORRENTIAL RAINS HAVE HIT THE REFUGEE CAMPS IN WESTERN TANZANIA. (REUTERS)

--(U) A FRAMEWORK OF OPERATIONS ON MAY 3 WAS NEARLY COMPLETE FOR ICRC AND WFP TO DIVIDE AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOOD AID. IN THE NORTH, THE ICRC WILL LIKELY TAKE RPF ZONES FROM BYUMBA TO NEAR RUSOMO FALLS, BUT LEAVE NEWLY TAKEN RPF AREAS TO WFP. RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SOUTH IS

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STILL BEING DEBATED; SECURITY, ACCESS, AND PROTECTION ARE
KEY ISSUES. (NAIROBI SITREP 9, 07910)

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-, (U) PRESS REPORTS THAT LEONARD NYANGOMA, MINISTER OF
INTERIOR AND SECURITY, HAD BEEN FIRED WERE DENIED BY
BURUNDI'S AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM, WHO SAID NYANGOMA WAS
BEING TREATED FOR AN UNSPECIFIED ILLNESS. (BRUSSELS BELGA
DATABASE FBIS). END TEXT

3. AFTERNOON SITREP

BEGIN TEXT.

DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS

-, (C) ETHIOPIAN PRESIDENT MELES ON MAY 5 TOLD A/S
SHATTUCK THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD LET THE
RPF TAKE OVER IN RWANDA RATHER THAN ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE
AN IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE. WHILE THIS MIGHT MEAN GREATER
VIOLENCE IN THE SHORT RUN, ALLOWING THE "THUGS" NOW
RUNNING KIGALI TO STAY IN POWER WOULD MEAN SIMPLY
POSTPONING THE PROBLEM. (ADDIS ABABA 03314)

-- (C) IN A MAY 3 MEETING WITH A/S MOOSE AND DAS BUSHNELL
THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR INDICATED THEY WANT TO BE HELPFUL,
BUT ASKED THE US TO TAKE THE LEAD TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN
ASSISTANCE AND REACH A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. THE FRENCH
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DCM EMPHASIZED THAT ANY UN OPERATION SHOULD FOCUS STRICTLY
ON HUMANITARIAN AID, EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE ARUSHA
PROCESS, AND STRESSED THAT ALL RWANDA'S NEIGHBORS,
INCLUDING ZAIRE, MUST BE INVOLVED IN THE PEACE PROCESS.
(SECSTATE 117944)

HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

-- (U) ICRC AND UN HEADQUARTERS IN GENEVA YESTERDAY WERE
REVIEWING THE FRAMEWORK OF OPERATIONS FOR DELIVERING
ASSISTANCE IN RWANDA. ALL PARTIES HAVE AGREED THAT THE

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RESPONSE MUST BE HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO ISSUES OF ACCESS, SECURITY AND PROTECTION. AS THE FOOD SITUATION IS NOT YET CRITICAL, THERE IS TIME TO WORK OUT A WELL COORDINATED PROGRAM WITH GUARANTEES OF SECURITY, ALTHOUGH WFP HAS ALREADY MOVED AHEAD WITH FOOD DELIVERIES IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH. (NAIROBI 07998, SITREP 10)

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--(C) BUJUMBURA CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY CALM. PEOPLE ARE CONDUCTING BUSINESS NORMALLY; THE REAPPEARANCE OF FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES SUGGESTS THAT TRAFFIC ON ROADS LEADING INTO THE COUNTRYSIDE IS BACK TO NORMAL. A FRODEBU PARTY SESSION, LED BY INTERIM PRESIDENT NTIBANTUNGANYA, SELECTED A NEW EXECUTIVE BUREAU IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MODERATES. (BUJUMBURA 01573) END TEXT.

4. BUJUMBURA - MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. CHRISTOPHER
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